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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE II FY 78 PROGRAM, CRS/YEMEN

REF: (A) SANA 3214 (B) STATE 105718 (C) SANA 2689

1. SUBSEQUENT TO REF A, CRS COUNTRY DIRECTOR REOPENED
NEGOTIATIONS WITH YARG TO CONCLUDE NEW TITLE II
AGREEMENT.

2. CRS DIRECTOR CITES FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WHICH
MUST BE PRESENT BEFORE CRS WILL APPROVE AGREEMENT,
SUBMIT FY 78 PROGRAM PLAN, FY 78 AER, OR FIRST
QUARTER CALL-FORWARD REQUEST:
A. IN-LAND HANDLING COSTS: CRS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE
FULL YARG PAYMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE PROPOSED COST
SHARING SCHEDULE AS APPROVED REF. B UNNECESSARY.
AS INDUCEMENT FOR YARG TO ACCEPT IN-LAND COSTS,
CRS PROPOSES PROVIDING DIRECT LOGISTICAL
SUPPORT IN FORM OF TWO TO THREE WAREHOUSES AND TRUCKS
TO BE FUNDED BY ONE OPG WHICH WOULD BE WITHIN MISSION'S
APPROVAL AUTHORITY. THRUST OF OPG WOULD BE TO ENHANCE
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YARG ADMINISTRATION OF LOGISTICS IN SUPPORT
OF NUTRITION PROGRAMS; APPROVAL CONTINGENT UPON
FAVORABLE REVIEW OF COST BENEFITS, CONSTRUCTION DETAILS,
POTENTIAL OF YARG TO SUSTAIN OPERATION, AND FULL
INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING JUSTIFICATION. MISSION SEES
ADVANTAGES THIS APPROACH: (1) IMMEDIATE AND VISIBLE
SUPPORT TO PROGRAM AREA MOST IN NEED; (2) WAREHOUSE

AND TRUCKS PRESENT POSSIBLE SAVING FOR YARG WHEN CONTRACTED HANDLING COSTS, NOW ESTIMATED AT U.S. DOL 66 PER TON, ARE CONSIDERED; (3) COST SHARING PRESENTS POTENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE/AUDIT PITFALLS VS. REALTIVELY CLEAN-CUT LOGISTICAL SUPPORT PROPOSAL.

B. COUNTERPART: CRS HAS RECOMMENDED TO YARG TO DISCONTINUE REQUIREMENT FOR CRS TO WORK THROUGH PRESENT INEPT COUNTERPART ORGANIZATION.

C. HOST COUNTRY FUNDING: CRS PRESSING FOR PARTIAL COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTION TO CRS OPERATING/ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

D. CLAIMS: CRS SEEKING ASSURANCES OF RESPONSIVE HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIONS IN PURSUIT OF COMMODITY DIVERSIONS.

E. CRS RETAINS AUTONOMY IN ITS PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONAL PRACTICES.

3. CRS COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S DEMANDS ARE STRINGENT BUT REASONABLE AND STILL SUBJECT TO COMPROMISE. MISSION SUPPORTS HIS QUOTE GOOD-PROGRAM-OR-NO-PROGRAM END QUOTE TACTIC. MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HIS INITIATIVE TO DEGREE THAT YARG RECALCITRANCE ON ANY MAJOR ISSUE WILL SIGNAL FURTHER PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS, RIGHT UP TO TERMINATION.

4. MISSION IS IMPRESSED WITH CRS DIRECTOR'S PERCEPTION/ ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS AND HIS INITIATIVES TO CHART LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COURSE OF ACTION. REASONABLE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES PARA 2, ABOVE, PROVIDES ONLY BASIS UPON WHICH MISSION WILL ENDORSE CONTINUATION OF TITLE II.

MISSION HAS TENTATIVELY INDICATED FURTHER SUPPORT BY RECOMMENDING PROGRAM DESIGN ASSISTANCE UPON POSITIVE ASSURANCE THAT ADEQUATE COUNTRY AGREEMENT IS IN HAND. ASSISTANCE WOULD INCLUDE JOINT PARTICIPATION OF CRS AND AID TECHNICIAN TO: (1) FORMULATE FOOD PROGRAMS APPROPRIATE FOR YEMEN; (2) PROVIDE EXPERTISE TO DETERMINE MIX OF FOODS IN PROGRAM; (3) INTEGRATE NUTRITION EDUCATION WITH FOOD DISTRIBUTION; (4) INsofar AS POSSIBLE ADAPT CRS PROJECTS TO AID STRATEGY.

5. IN VIEW CRS PROGRAM REFORMS, SUBMISSION OF AER, PROGRAM PLAN AND FIRST QUARTER CALL-FORWARD, PER REF., FURTHER DELAYED. IN INTERIM, WOULD APPRECIATE AID/W VIEWS ON LOGISTIC SUPPORT VIA OPG.

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